Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know whether these amounts were transferred so that they may be applied to the Anappara buildings for which there was no allotment last year? There was an allotment for College works, not for Anappara buildings, and the Government had to pay for the Anappara buildings as well. So these were taken?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Works costing about Rs. 80,000 had to be executed urgently and this was diverted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The amounts were as far as possible utilised for other works in 1107 or 1108 ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Surely it must be in 1107. We cannot divert funds of 1107 to 1108. It is an elementary principle of accounting.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—They were utilised for other works in 1107?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Certainly.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Who generally prepare the estimates ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Budget estimates or estimates for works?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—For works.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That is provided in the Code—Overseers, Assistant Engineers and Chief Engineer.

Appointment of Labour Inspector.

93. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a castewar statement of applications received for the Labour Inspector's post with their qualifications ;

(2) who was appointed ;

(3) do the Government remember to have said in the open Council that a depressed class man would be preferred if available ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) A statement is placed on the table. (*Appendix II.*)

(2) Mr. K. R. Sankaran, Head clerk, Protector's Office.

(3) Yes ; but no depressed class man with the requisite qualification was available.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the requisite qualification required for the Labour Inspector ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—At least the minimum qualification, School Final, some experience in office work and, if possible, one or two tests.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there anything in the Standing Orders to show that the Labour Inspector requires such qualifications ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. The post itself was created only very recently.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When it was created was it stated that the Inspector should have such qualifications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not usual to state what all qualifications are required. It has never been the practice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If it is a question of qualification, I see in the list Ezhuvas with M. A. qualifications and B. A. qualifications and why should a Matriculate be preferred ? Is it because he was already a clerk in the Government service ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. He has put in 18 years' service.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I see there is a Pulaya who applied for the post and an assurance also was given that as far as possible the Pulaya's claim would be preferred. There was an applicant. What is the difference in the Government's view between a person with this insignificant qualification of S. S. L. C. and a person without it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are rules on the subject. Persons should be passed hands. Also this is going to be a new appointment and he will have to organise a small office and he should have some experience also. This gentleman who has been selected is a person who has put in 18 years' service. He was the Head clerk of the Protector's Office and he has passed the Revenue test. All these are very necessary and very useful things for an officer to be appointed as Labour Inspector. Therefore, he was selected.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Were these gentlemen, K. M. Viswambharan, O. M. Makkotha and T. K. Raman also in the same department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. They were.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What was the post which Makkotha was holding:

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he was holding the post of a Co-operative Inspector.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—And T. K. Raman B. A.—what was he at the time ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—T. K. Raman is at present a Co-operative Inspector.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Why was this gentleman preferred to Makkotha and T. K. Raman who were already in the department ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He had longer service. He has passed the Revenue test and he has got the minimum qualification, School Final.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was the gentleman preferred, Mr. K. R. Sankaran, in the Police Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. He was there.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was he found unfit there and sent away ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The then Superintendent stated that he will do well in some other department than the Police Department. He may not be quite up to the mark in the Police Department yet he may do exceedingly well in other departments.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—How is the Commissioner of Police competent to say that he will do well in other departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The things in which he was found wanting were things required of only Police Officers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether applications were invited for this post ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not advertised in the Gazette.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question was left unanswered. Was he found unfit to work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was found not quite fit for field work in the Police Department.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was it the opinion of two Commissioners that he was unfit for the Police Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered the question. He was found not quite up to the mark for field work in the Police Department. I do not quite remember whether two successive Commissioners have made the same remark. To me it appears rather irrelevant whether two Commissioners made the remark or only one Commissioner.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are the Government aware that in this Council, as answer to question No. 490, the Police Commissioner said, he was sent away ; he was condemned by Mr. Brown as unfit; and Mr. Sheik Abdul Quadir was not kind enough to give him an appointment in the same Department ? Since the present Commissioner came he made a gross mistake which he is not to commit in future. Was the Government aware that these answers were given in this Council with regard to this individual ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't controvert that the man was not quite up to the mark in field work in the Police Department.

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Dr. A.R.Menon.—Let us clearly understand this. Is it the service that has to be taken into consideration or the superior qualification that has to be taken into consideration by the Government? I did not know that these people were employed in Government service—B. A., Civil Account Test etc., people with these qualifications. You appoint an School Final on the ground that he has had 18 year's service. We would like to know the policy of the Government in making this appointment, whether you care for the service or for the qualification, so that we may avoid the necessity of putting so many supplementary questions.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only say it is both. It is not exactly on the basis of one or the other.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know the duties of the Labour Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered that. His duties will be to go about the State finding out how the condition of these depressed classes is and try to do whatever help they want.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How does the want of this test stand in his way? Because his work is to roam about finding out how these depressed classes are going on, why does he want Revenue test, Co-operative test, etc.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For a man to be able to walk about in Government service he should be able to handle so many things. He will have to run a small office of his own. For all these things this test will stand in good stead.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have they not said that minimum qualification alone is necessary?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government consider that they have given a promise that if it is ever possible a depressed class man will be preferred to this post. Which qualification the Hon'ble Member means?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Pulaya.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is sufficient answer to that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Of the two applicants in the Valan community may I know whether they are in service—Unni S. S. L. C. and Kesavan B. A.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These two people I don't think are in service. I don't think they have any experience of any kind of office work. It is quite a new office and it is extremely desirable to have a man having some sort of office experience.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I do not quite catch the answer. Were they—Unni and Kesavan—in service?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think they are in service.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is not K. R. Kesavan in the Fishery Department?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Mr. Kesavan is in the Education Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the present incumbent has any experience of office work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has 18 years' service. He was the Head clerk of the Office of the Protector of Depressed Classes before he was appointed as Labour Inspector.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether it was made on the recommendation of the Protector of Depressed Classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he was consulted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The question was not, was he consulted, but 'was this appointment recommended by the Protector of the Depressed Classes ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—I think he was the candidate whom the Protector recommended.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether anybody else was recommended ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is this Perumannan a depressed class?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think Perumannan is a depressed class. I think he is a backward class.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—And Kanakkan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Same.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is he in any way related to the Protector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have no information at all.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We will ask a supplementary question next time.

Assessment on the area under rubber cultivation.

94. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total area given to the various people for rubber plantation in the State ;

(b) of this how much is already planted ;

(c) what is the total annual assessment for the whole area;

(d) the total remission given ?

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 92.)

Items of works sanctioned in the budget for 1107 but not taken up for execution.

1 Reconstructing Karavannur bridge.
2 Opening a road from Koonamuchy to Guruvayur (Work given on contract but not actually taken up).
3 Constructing a road connecting Thottipal and Parappukara (Taken up but kept in abeyance).
4 Repairs to the Perumpuzha causeway bridge.
5 Putting up a bund across the Konath river.
6 Improving the cart track leading from 5/1 of the Chittur Vannamada road to Kunnamkattupathy anicut.
7 Special renewals to Moongalmada road.
8 Painting girders of bridges.
9 Constructing a compound wall for the Irinjalakkuda staff quarters.
10 Do a bus stand at Irinjalakkuda.
11 Do tank-shed and masonry retaining wall in H. H. Mangu Tampuran's Palace No. 31-F.
12 Do a kitchen for the Superintendent, Central Jail.
13 Widening the lanes on the east and north sides of the General Hospital, Ernakulam.
14 Constructing a compound wall and latrine in M. S., Puthur.
15 Repairs to the motor shed in His Highness Elaya Raja's Palace.
16 Providing facilities for Kole cultivation.
17. Protecting the side of the north canal in the north of the Malippuram depot.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 93.)

Thiyyas.

1	K R Sankaran	School Final and Revenue test.
2	K R Viswambaran	B. A.
3	O M Makkotha	M. A.
4	T K Raman	B. A. and Civil Account and Co-operative tests.
5	K I Kittu	B. A. and P. W. D. test.
6	K Ayyappan	B. A. & Civil Account & Police tests.
7	T K Narayanan	B. A
8	E M Hariharan	B. A.
9	P K Narayanan	B. A.
10	P K Kesavan	B. A.
11	K I Madhavan	B. A.
12	K A Sankaran	Intermediate
13	T A A Simhalan	Exempted from S. O. 1.

Christians.

1	B T Raphael	Intermediate
2	N K Abraham	Pleader
3	V J Xavier	S. S. L. C.

Brahmins.

1	T S Padmanabhan	B. A. (Hons.)

Nayars.

1	V K Sankara Menon	School Final.
2	K Krishna Menon	

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Muslims.

1	K Muhammad	B. A.
2	K K Abdul Rahmen	Intermediate
3	Mir Hussain	B. A. (Parts I and III)

Perumannan.

1	T Kuttappan	School Final

Kanakkan.

1	T C Kunjayyappan	School Final (student I. U. C)
2	T C Velayudhan	Unpassed S. S. L. C.

Valans.

1	P A Unni	S. S. L. C.
2	K R Kesavan	B. A.

Pulayan.

1	N K Iyar	Unpassed S. S. L. C.

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